

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2005

To: Planning and Zoning Board

FROM: John L. Simmons, Acting Director, Community Inspections

VIA: Valerie Bohlander, Director, Building Department
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SUBJECT: **Case No. 3-T-05**

Applicant: City of Fort Lauderdale/Code Advisory Committee

Request: Amend ULDR Section 47-19, *Accessory Buildings, Uses, and Structures*, Section 47-19.2, *Accessory Buildings, and Structures, General*, to provide for the regulation of Portable Storage Units or PODs.

INTRODUCTION

The City Commission, upon the recommendation of the Code Advisory Committee, wishes to include in this section regulations regarding the use of portable storage units, known also as “pods”, and believes that regulating portable storage units would enhance and preserve the appearance of the City and thereby benefit the citizens of Fort Lauderdale.

BACKGROUND

The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) prepared this ordinance change with the help of appointed code specialist attorney, Mr. Alexander L. Palenzuela-Mauri. This ordinance change was presented and approved by the City Commission on first reading at the April 19, 2005 Commission Meeting. The proposed ordinance would amend Section 47-19.2 by creating an ordinance which allows for, and further regulates, the usage of portable storage units (PSU's). The revised section defines a PSU and limits the number of and the size of the units permitted on a property. It requires a permit for the placement of a PSU on a property and indicates where the PSU may be placed. PSU's would be required to have signage indicating the name, address and current telephone number of the company providing the service. Finally the section limits the number of events per calendar year and the time frame permitted for each event. Currently, the City Code of Ordinances does not regulate or permit this type of use.

PRIOR ACTIONS

On April 19, 2005 the amended ordinance was introduced on first reading to the City Commission at the recommendation of the Code Advisory Committee (**Exhibit: Commission Agenda Report 05-0418**). The City Commission voted unanimously in favor of the proposed ordinance on first reading.

At the March 15, 2005 Conference Meeting, the City Commission directed that the four proposed ordinances recommended by the Code Advisory Committee move forward as written, and be presented at an upcoming Regular City Commission Meeting for any public input and further discussion.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City's Comprehensive Plan provides the following goals, objectives and policies in support of this ULDR amendment:

Objective 22: Continue to respond to identified problems/opportunities; develop incentive systems for quality development and redevelopment; prevent incompatible uses; and incorporate design criteria.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency, shall consider a motion to approve the proposed ordinance for the second reading by the City Commission.

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